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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, JUNE 18

1. NYT (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "SOVIET REPORTED TO SHELVE PLANS FOR MIDEAST PARLEYS" BY CHRISTOPHER WREN, DATELINE MOSCOW. USSR HAS QUIETLY SHELVED ITS CAMPAIGN TO CONVENE A NEW GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST, ACCORDING TO WELL-PLACE SOVIET SOURCES. IT APPEARS TO BE AN INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT, DURATION OF WHICH WILL DEPEND ON RESULT OF NEW AMERICAN INITIATIVES AND WASHINGTON'S REASSESSMENT OF ITS MIDDLE EAST POLICY.

2. NYT (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "6 NUCLEAR LANDS MEET ON CONTROL -- SOVIET AND WESTERN NATIONS GATHER IN LONDON TODAY TO CURB ATOM SPREAD" BY DAVID BINDER. THIS IS THE SECOND CONFERENCE IN SEVEN WEEKS, ACCORDING TO WEST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS. US, UK, USSR, WEST GERMANY, FRANCE, AND CANADA ARE REPRESENTED. MEETING WERE INITIATED BY THE U.S. U.S. OFFICIALS REFUSED TO CONFIRM DETAILS ON GROUNDS THAT PARTICIPANTS HAD AGREED TO SECRECY.

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THEY ADDED THAT FRANCE AND POSSIBLY SOVIET UNION MIGHT

WITHDRAW IF THE CONFERENCE WAS PUBLICIZED.

3. NYT (PAGE 25) SPORTS PAGE, HEADLINE, "CONCERN FELT ON SOVIET TIES." THE AAU DECISION TO CANCEL A DUAL TRACK MEET NEXT MONTH IN KIEV COULD COMPLICATE FUTURE SPORTS RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. BOB JONES, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC PROGRAM OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, TRIED TO MINIMIZE THE PROBLEM.

4. WP (PAGE 9) HEADLINE "SOLZHENITSYN TO SPEAK HERE JUNE 30 AT MEANY'S INVITATION." HE HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO SPEAK AT AFL-CIO BANQUET IN HIS HONOR ABOUT SOVIET DISSIDENTS. HE WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON JUNE 27 AND LEAVE JULY 1. INGERSOLL

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